

BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
Fargo, North Dakota

Special Meeting:

Thursday:

April 11, 2013:

Agreeable with a call for a Special Meeting issued by Mayor Walaker, the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, convened in a Special Meeting in the City Commission Room at City Hall at 8:00 o'clock a.m., Thursday, April 11, 2013.

The Commissioners present or absent were as shown following:

Present: Williams, Mahoney, Sobolik, Wimmer, Walaker.

Mayor Walaker presiding.

Oakcreek Trap Bag Protection and Sewer Valve Installation Plan Approved:

City Engineer April Walker said she is seeking permission to secure Trap Bag protection for the City-owned homes in Oakcreek as an alternative to sandbagging. The estimated cost is \$100,000.00 for the product, sand and installation, she said. It would protect up to 40.8 feet, she said, and it is possible to place sandbags on top of them if there is a need to go higher. Also, she said, there are concerns for the sewer systems at 14 homes along the creek which tie into the City's main sewer line. She said initial estimates to install sewer valves for the 14 homes is between \$60,000.00 and \$80,000.00; however, she will seek lower bids before beginning the work.

Commissioner Mahoney moved the Trap Bag Protection in Oakcreek and the Sewer Valve Installation Plan be approved.

Second by Williams. On call of the roll Commissioners Mahoney, Williams, Sobolik, Wimmer and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

Emergency Survey Assistance Selection Approved:

City Engineer April Walker said she would like the Board's approval of contracts with Houston Engineering, Inc. and Ulteig Engineers to assist the City with survey needs during the 2013 flood. She said there was a separate RFP for each of the four areas the Engineering Department has divided the City into. She said Houston Engineering had the low bid, not to exceed \$22,000.00, for all four areas. There was another RFP for high water data collection, she said, with the low bid submitted by Ulteig Engineers, for an amount not to exceed \$28,140.00. She said the low bidders will be notified and will be on call if the City needs emergency survey assistance.

Commissioner Mahoney moved the contracts for Emergency Survey Assistance with Houston Engineering, Inc. and Ulteig Engineers be approved.

Second by Sobolik. On call of the roll Commissioners Mahoney, Sobolik, Williams, Wimmer and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

Emergency Rapid Deploy Installation Contractor Approved:

City Engineer April Walker said she is recommending Industrial Builders, Inc. be selected as the contractor, at an hourly rate, to install rapid deploy products on 5th Street south of I-94 and north of Jack Williams Stadium, if needed. She said the contract may be amended to include them in the Oakcreek area, if needed.

Commissioner Mahoney moved Industrial Builders, Inc. be selected as the Emergency Rapid Deploy Installation Contractor.

Second by Wimmer. On call of the roll Commissioners Mahoney, Wimmer, Williams, Sobolik and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

Emergency Traffic Control Assistance Approved:

City Engineer April Walker recommended the selection of Northstar Safety, Inc. for 2013 Flood Emergency Traffic Control Assistance at an hourly rate.

Commissioner Mahoney moved Northstar Safety, Inc. be selected for Emergency Traffic Control assistance.

Second by Williams. On call of the roll Commissioners Mahoney, Williams, Sobolik, Wimmer and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

Joint Funding Agreement with USGS for HOBO Gage Deployment Approved:

City Engineer April Walker said she is seeking approval to deploy gages to capture water elevations during the 2013 spring flooding at ten locations at a cost of \$46,920.00. She said these gages would be set at locations helpful to the diversion. The USGS (U.S. Geological Survey) would set the ten gages and collect data, she stated, however, the USGS does not have funding, but post-flood the Diversion Authority could be asked to help pay the costs.

Commissioner Mahoney moved the Joint Funding Agreement with USGS for HOBO Gage Deployment in the amount of \$46,920.00 be approved.

Second by Sobolik. On call of the roll Commissioners Mahoney, Sobolik, Williams, Wimmer and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

Right-of-Entry for Soil Boring at 4767 Douglas Drive South Approved:

City Engineer April Walker said work was underway collecting information for a project on Douglas Drive when it was determined less damage would be done if entry were gained through a vacant lot, rather than the lots originally identified.

Commissioner Mahoney moved the Right-of-Entry for Soil Boring at 4767 Douglas Drive South be approved.

Second by Williams. On call of the roll Commissioners Mahoney, Williams, Sobolik, Wimmer and Walaker voted aye.

No Commissioner being absent and none voting nay, the motion was declared carried.

Right-of-Entry Update for Emergency Flood Control Devices:

City Engineer April Walker said Commissioner Wimmer has offered to assist the Engineering Department in making the second contact with residents who have not granted right-of-entry permission yet. She said other Board members can contact her if they would also like to help.

Mayor Walaker said he would like to thank all involved in the efforts that have gone into producing sandbags in preparation for flooding. The goal of one million sandbags will be reached soon, he said, and he praised the citizen volunteers and the schools and students for all their hard work.

Commissioner Mahoney moved that the Board adjourn.

Second by Wimmer. All the Commissioners voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

The time at adjournment was 8:28 o'clock a.m.